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THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" A separate question may be put. The question under reference has nothing to do with temple entry."

Paper mills in the State.

* 134 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state the number of paper mills in the Composite and the Residuary Madras State?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The number of paper mills in the Composite Madras State was two. The Andhra Paper Mill, Rajahmundry and the Pudukottai Paper Mills, Pudukottai. The number of paper mills in the present Madras State is one, viz., the Pudukkottai Paper Mill, Pudukottai."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether there is any proposal to open any more paper mills in this State? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, one, Sri Thiyagarajan of Madurai has applied for licence to erect a paper mill in Papanasam in Tirunelveli district with a capacity of 800 tons with the use of ' Eta reeds ' for raw material. The application has been supported by this Government and it is under the consideration of the Government of India."

SRI P. G. KARUTHIRUMAN :—" Will the Government consider the desirability of starting paper mills wherever there are paddy straw available in large quantities and which can be used as raw material? The price of paddy straw is very low now."

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, the Government do not think it proper that they should start paper mills. But if any private individual comes forward with a proposal that he is prepared to start one in the area referred to by the hon. Member we shall consider it favourably."

SRI M. R. RAMACHANDRAN :—" Sir, may I know the proportion of paper manufactured and supplied by the Paper Mill at Pudukottai with reference to the whole demand of this State? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I should like to have notice, Sir. But I should like to say that the production of the Mill at Pudukottai is only 50 tons per month, which is absolutely insignificant, compared to the total requirements of this State."

SRI R. M. PALANIAPPAN :—" Are the two mills in the State working alright?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" There is only one mill in the residuary State of Madras, the Pudukottai Paper Mill. The Andhra Paper Mill, Rajahmundry, has gone to the Andhra State."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, in view of the fact that Malabar compared to other districts in the State uses the least quantity of paper which is below one pound and in view

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of the fact that there are thousands and thousands of trees producing fibre in Wynaad and other taluks which can be used as pulp for the manufacture of paper, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to start a paper mill in Malabar? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member wants the Government to start a mill for Mâlabar. Another will ask one for Tirunelveli, another for South Arcot and yet another for North Arcot. If the Hon. Minister is prepared to answer, I have no objection."

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, considering the number of petitions and memoranda I get from Malabar compared with figures from other districts, I do not concede that the people and the workers of Malabar use the least quantity of paper. With regard to the question of starting a paper mill in Malabar, I feel, Sir, that this is a matter entirely for private enterprise to take the initiative. I should be thankful to teh hon. Member, if he would persuade any of his colleagues to put in application for the starting of a paper mill in Malabar. I shall consider it very very favourably."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Next question."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister in his answer to the previous supplementary question made a reflection and an insinuation by saying that, considering the number of petitions and memoranda received from people of Malabar, the Government do not think that the people use the least quantity of paper. He was making reflections and insinuations, unwanted and unbecoming."

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, may I say this by way of explanation. The hon. Member who put the question said that Malabar used the least quantity of paper. Therefore on a matter of fact, I said, ' considering the number of petitions and memoranda I receive from Malabar in comparison with petitions and memoranda I receive from other districts, the paper consumed by people of Malabar cannot be less '. It is a matter of fact. My hon. Friend, Mr. Kurup does not, perhaps know this. From the petitions and memoranda that I receive from the various districts in the State, I am prepared to prove to the hon. Member that Malabar consumes a large quantity of paper. No reflection or aspersion was cast. I was only mentioning facts."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Is the hon. Member, Sri T. C. Narayanan Nambiar, standing up on a point of personal explanation again? " 11 a.m.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Yes, Sir. I even now stand by the statement that I have made."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, we are now on the next question."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have allowed the hon. Member to proceed."

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Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, I invite the attenion of the Hon. Minister to the fact that even in 1954 in certain interior parts like Irukkur and Taliparamba some people are still using palmyra leaves instead of paper. It is indeed a matter of shame . . ."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" Let not the hon. Member lose his temper."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" I only wish to say, Sir, that it is indeed a matter of shame that in these civilised days, the people are compelled to use palmyra leaves in a place where paper can be produced in abundance and sold for cheap price and that is the reason why I made that statement."

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, it is not a question of whether it is possible to start a mill or not. I only stated that the policy of the Government is not to start one by themselves. I again repeat that if any private enterprise comes forward, we shall consider it very very favourably."

Opening of a Munsif's Court at Pattambi.

* 135 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any memorandum, dated 29th August 1953, from the merchants and the public of Pattambi, South Malabar, requesting for the opening of a Munsif's Court at Pattambi; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" No representation, dated 29th August 1953 has been received in the matter. A representation, dated 29th August 1952 was, however, received from the merchants and the general public of Pattambi. With reference to that representation, the Government have carefully examined the matter in consultation with the High Court and have decided that there is no case for the opening of a District Munsif's Court at Pattambi."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, in view of the fact that formerly there was a Munsif's Court in this place, and that some of these Courts which were abolished along with the Munsif's Court at Pattambi have now been re-opened, will the Government consider the question of establishing a Munsif's Court at Pattambi also? "

The Hon. Sri K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" Sir, unless it is warranted by the amount of litigation, the Government will not be doing the proper thing if they open a Munsif's Court there."